

The Connection

Faith Sharing from The United Church of Warsaw

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The United Church of Warsaw

Serving God's People with Love.

Dear friends and members of our family of faith:

Greetings to you in a month marked by the folklore of Ireland, the dawn of Spring and the heaviness of Holy Week.

In March, our family of faith will: (1) continue our Lenten sermon series on “The Way of the Cross”; (2) come together for our monthly Potluck Lunch; (3) honor Palm Sunday; (4) gather for our Sunday School Brunch; and (5) host our ecumenical Good Friday service.

On **March 4**, gathering in Miller Chapel, we will continue our Lenten journey with our third “The Way of the Cross” sermon, *Jesus Is Condemned*; contribute to our Sharing-the-Light Food Collection; participate in the Feast for All Sinners and Saints; and, share food and fellowship at our “Room at the Table” Potluck Lunch. On **March 11**, we will recall the fourth step of “The Way of the Cross,” entitled *Jesus Is Denied*. On **March 18**, we walk another step on “The Way of the Cross,” identified as *Jesus Is Judged*. On **March 25**, Palm Sunday, we will congregate in the sanctuary and conclude our “The Way of the Cross” sermon series with *Jesus Is Crowned*. Following worship, we will assemble in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Sunday School Brunch. On **March 29**, Holy Thursday, we are invited to join the Reformed Catholic Church to commemorate the Last Supper. On **March 30**, Good Friday, we will sponsor and present the beginning of the Community Good Friday Service in our sanctuary. The “Walk of the Cross” will be conducted down sidewalks adjacent to Main Street of Warsaw and conclude at the First United Methodist Church of Warsaw.

On Sunday, **March 25**, the **F.A.C.E. (Faith And Caring Encounter) Group** will assist in set-up, cook-up, eat-up and clean-up at our Sunday School Brunch. On Friday, **March 30**, F.A.C.E. Group members will participate in the “Walk of the Cross” from our sanctuary to the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church.

As we make our way through the First Quarter of 2018, we acknowledge God's generous blessings to our faith community. We thank friends and church members who faithfully honor their promises of support. Annual revenue from our Head Start lease agreement has been received. To date, winter heating costs have moderately exceeded budgeted allotments. Thus, early in this year, we encourage all who have vowed support to honor their promises of support so that we may keep pace with seasonal expenses. Offering envelopes (weekly and monthly) are available on Sundays during the Time of Fellowship and from the Church Office during weekdays. In solidarity—as a family of faith—may we practice the principles of family, faith and future in our current season of Lent...and in all seasons.

God be with you till we meet again.

Beside you in the journey of faith,
Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese



A Shove from the Dove

Pastoral Sabbatical 2018: Update

As explained in this space in the February newsletter, the Pastor's Contract and Terms of Call of the Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese require that she take a three-month paid Sabbatical after serving the congregation for five years. On March 1, 2018, Rev. Barbara will have served the United Church of Warsaw for six continuous years.

Therefore, during the spring and summer of 2018, our pastor will serve a three-month Time of Clergy Renewal away from pastoral duties. During that time, pastoral responsibilities of worship leader and Moderator of Commission will be fulfilled by two Summer Ministers.

Funding for the pastor's travel, accommodations and registration fees for off-site events during the pastor's Sabbatical was secured through a comprehensive grant application to the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program in April 2017. The grant funding also covers: Pulpit Supply, Pastoral Administration, congregational events and Summer Music by the Steeple planned during the pastor's Sabbatical.

On April 22 and April 29, the two Summer Ministers will be introduced to the congregation during Sunday morning worship.

Further plans of the pastor's Sabbatical will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

The year 2018 is presenting meaningful opportunities for faith building and faith renewal for our pastor and for our family of faith!

May your joys

be as deep as the ocean.

*May your troubles
be as light as its foam.*

*May you find
sweet peace of mind
wherever you roam.*

Irish Blessings

*May the dreams you hold dearest
be those that come true.*

*May the kindness you spread
keep returning to you.*

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March 2018 ~ Birthdays and Anniversaries

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | Sa |
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| | | | | 1 Wyatt LaWall | 2 | 3 Amy Stagner |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Richard & Shirley Humphrey | 8 Beverly Putney | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Hope Rase | 15 Audrey Parmelee | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Dorine Jenkins | 20 | 21 Jean Burrows | 22 | 23 | 24 William Clark |
| 25 Alison Ghise | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Zachary Perkins | 31 Warren Tuttle |

The Way of the Cross Meditation

Christ speaks to us:

**This way
that you are about to walk
you do not take alone.**

I walk with you.

**Though you are you,
and I am I,
we are truly one—
one Christ.**

**My way of the cross,
two thousand years ago,
and your "way" now
are also one.**

**Note this difference:
My life was incomplete
until I crowned it
by my death.**

**Your steps on this way
will only be complete
when you have crowned them
by your life.**

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Join your family of faith
on Sunday mornings in Miller Chapel
as together we journey
the Way of the Cross.

Rummage Sale 2018:*It's almost here!***Bring your treasures; help set up;
browse and buy; help clean up!**March 24 to April 4: **Set Up**Thursday, April 5 -**Sale**- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.Friday, April 6 -**Sale**- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.Saturday, April 7 -**Bag Sale**- 9 a.m. to noon*It all happens in Fellowship Hall
and the Connection!***Sunday School Brunch**

Sunday, March 25, 2018

at 11:15 a.m. come to
the Fellowship Hall
after Worship!Be divinely delighted
by a bountiful brunch!Support our yearly
yummy fundraiser!**Testimony of Generosity:
"Souper Bowl" Soup Drive**

Dear family of faith at
the United Church of Warsaw:
Thank you for your generous donations
to the F.A.C.E. Group's Canned Soup
Drive in February. A total of 170 cans of
soup were given, which exceeded last
year's total of 144 cans.
Bless you for your "can-do" spirit!

**Financial Statements of Contributions
for Tax Year 2017**

For those who need an official statement of financial
contributions made to the United Church of Warsaw
during the 2017 Tax Year: Present written requests for a
Financial Statement to Church Administrative Assistant,
Reagan Phillippi. Include address where statement is to
be mailed. To that address, an official statement of
monetary contributions given in 2017 will be sent. This
document may be included in both Federal and State Tax
Returns for 2017.

Clerk's Corner

Notes from Clerk of Commission, Lance Bush
Highlights of Commission Meeting of February 12, 2018

- ◇ Church Treasurer Bob Cummins presented a strong Financial Report for start-up of 2018.
- ◇ Commission members voiced strong approval for new format of our Sunday bulletin.
- ◇ To update church membership data and to compile a new Church Directory of Members and Friends, a questionnaire will be included in the March edition of *The Connection*, our monthly newsletter. Please complete questionnaire and return it to the Church Office by March 31, 2018. Based on responses, official church membership rolls will be adjusted, and an updated Church Directory will be assembled.
- ◇ Our church will host the opening of the Good Friday Service of "The Walk of the Cross" on March 30 at 12 noon. The service will conclude, after wooden cross is carried along Main Street, at the First United Methodist Church.
- ◇ The Commission approved a proposal to form a partnership between the Warsaw Food Pantry and Warsaw Elementary School's Produce and Vegetable Garden. Under the terms of the proposed partnership, 90% of the produce and vegetables grown in the garden will be donated to the Food Pantry. In advance of the planting season and in exchange for the produce, the Food Pantry will provide necessary supplies: seeds, fertilizer, gardening tools and equipment. The Warsaw Food Pantry will apply for a grant to fund the proposed partnership.
- ◇ Reminder: Our annual May Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 1, beginning at sunrise, 6:07 a.m. Sign-ups for this yearly tradition will appear in early April.
- ◇ Our church will provide all food needed for dinner—main course, salad and dessert—for the monthly Free Community Meal on Wednesday, June 6, hosted at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Warsaw. In mid-April, please look for Sign-Up List to provide a dinner entree (enough to feed 12 people). Meanwhile, please speak with Linda Demers or Margaret Gardner, members of Mission Committee, for additional details.

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March 2018 Acolyte Schedule

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| 4 | Weston Kirsch |
| 11 | Russell Broughton |
| 18 | Evelyn LaWall |
| 25 | Mason Johnson |

March Events at the United Church of Warsaw

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| March 4 at 10 a.m. (In Miller Chapel) At 11:15 a.m. | Feast for All and Sharing-the-Light Food Collection “Way of the Cross” Sermon #3: <i>Jesus Is Condemned</i> Potluck Lunch – Bring a dish to pass; in Fellowship Hall |
| March 11 at 10 a.m. | “Way of the Cross” Sermon #4- <i>Jesus Is Denied</i> |
| March 12 at 6:30 p.m. | Commission Meeting in East Room |
| March 18 at 10 a.m. | Way of the Cross” #5 – <i>Jesus Is Judged</i> |
| March 25 at 10 a.m. (In sanctuary) At 11:15 a.m. | Palm Sunday “Way of the Cross” #6: <i>Jesus Is Crowned</i> Sunday School Brunch in Fellowship Hall F.A.C.E. Group assists with Sunday School Brunch |
| March 29 at 7 p.m. (In Miller Chapel) | Holy Thursday Commemoration of the Last Supper |
| March 30 at 12 noon (In sanctuary) | Good Friday and the “Walk of the Cross” Service begins in sanctuary and concludes at First United Methodist Church |
| Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. | Women’s Bible Study in Conference Room ~Please join us! |